

The Oasis

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final clause in the sentence embraced in the resolution.

Then there was offered another motion to adjourn. But the people responsible for the double committee meeting were determined to carry out as far as possible their programme for delivery of the republican party into the hands of the democracy for the coming election, and Mr. Anderson offered a motion to adopt the second and third clauses of the democratic programme, as set forth in the proposition, as it came through the conference committee. That was to provide the permanent committee from both parties to fight statehood, and to recommend the county conventions to divide the delegates to the constitutional convention. Upon that proposition the battle again raged fiercely. Messrs. Gaddis, Dysart, Hubbell, Hogue, Molloy, Bird and Atkinson all opposed the proposition with all the vigor at their command. When it came to a vote seven deserted the programme; three went over to the opposition and four refrained from voting. The result, as recorded in the roll call was twenty-nine for the proposition, and eighteen against. About thirty-eight per cent of the vote cast going on record against the infamous proposition, and forty-three per cent refusing to support it.

Then the committee adjourned *sine die*, and the great political snake dance was over.

Now then to sum up the work done. What is the result? Why, a republican territorial committee in Arizona has tabled a resolution to support the policy of the national administration; and has adopted a programme for a coalition with the democracy against that declared policy of its own party. No wonder that old veteran republican, Captain Hogue, characterized the whole affair as "an infamous performance."

But the anti-statehood push, in both democratic and republican parties have received a staggering blow. Upon the democratic side they secured unanimity by excluding in advance twenty-two per cent of the membership of their governing body; and upon the republican side they found twenty-nine per cent arrayed in a solid front against them, finding also that forty-three per cent were opposed to the extreme measures they propose. With those two meetings of representative men from both parties there have vanished into thin air the claim that "not five per cent of the people of Arizona are in favor of joint-statehood." And the result that will show when the ballots are counted out of the boxes on the sixth of November, will give them a far greater shock. "Things look good to me."

LOOKING FOR ROUTE.

Southern Pacific Surveyors Inspecting Country North of Nacozari.

Benson Press: News reached Douglas Thursday that one of the parties of Southern Pacific surveyors who have been surveying routes south of Nacozari for several weeks is now working in the canyon several miles west of the Nacozari mining camp and the

terminus of the Nacozari railroad. The canyon in which the party is now running a line would take the route into the Nacozari canyon between Nacozari and Cumpas. Going west and north this route could reach the Nacozari line at Fronteras or it could swing farther west and go to Cananea over fairly good ground.

This is the third route over which Southern Pacific surveyors have gone during the last year, indicating a desire to find a favorable line south into Mexico from the American border. The first line surveyed went south from the San Bernardino ranch eighteen miles east of Douglas. It is learned on good authority that this route was found a very expensive one and hardly practicable.

Nearly two months ago several surveying parties went south through Douglas, and went to Mocetzuma and started a survey north from that point. Another stopped at Nacozari and started a route south from that point and went down the canyon to Cumpas and from there south until they met the party coming north from Mocetzuma.

The appearance of the surveying party west of Nacozari might be looked upon as confirmatory of the report recently given out by a railroad man at Nogales to the effect that the Southern Pacific main line through Sonora would be from Benson.

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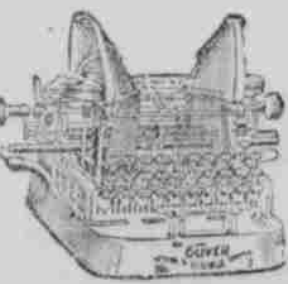
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